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NORTH CHINA SEEKS AGRICULTURAL PROGRESS

DIAMOND COTTON HARVEST -- Ta Hsing Pao, 11 Sep 49

Pei-p'ing, 9 September (WCNA) -- With the rapid approach of the cotton harvest season, the Cotton-Improvement Department of the Ministry of Agriculture of the North China People's Government called a conference on 1 September at Pei-p'ing to discuss ways and means of improving the quality of cotton and increasing the production of long-staple types suitable for the looms now in use in North China weaving mills. Although some crop expansion was realized in 1949, the needs of the mills were still unsatisfied. It is planned to have 166,666.6 acres of No 2 improved seed under cultivation in 1950.

The conference recognized that it would be necessary to begin immediately to carry out the program and to secure mass action in seed selection to realize a general improvement in the quality that is being sought.

PROMOTES COTTON PRODUCTION -- Wen-hui Pao, 10 Sep 49

Pei-p'ing, 9 September -- The Ministry of Agriculture of the North China People's Government, with a view to improving the quality of North China cotton and reaching the cultivation goal of 1.4 million acres for 1950, has organized a cotton-production promotion group made up of 30 experts from the Cotton-Improvement Department, the North China Agricultural Science Research Office, and the agricultural departments of Pei-p'ing and Ch'ing-hua universities. The group will visit all the important cotton-producing areas of North China, beginning 1 September 1949, to assist the various local authorities and experiment station technicians in selection of seed and investigate a number of model villages that specialize in cotton culture in order to set production goals for 1950.

ISSUES AGRICULTURAL INSTRUCTIONS -- Wen-hui Pao, 5 Sep 49

Pei-p'ing. 4 September 1949 -- The North China People's Government has issued instructions concerning the autumn harvest and planting of winter wheat. All local agencies are instructed to see that crops ready for harvesting are gathered in the shortest possible time to clear the ground for planting of winter wheat. All classes, including women, the indigent, soldiers, and any others who can be, are enrolled in the farm labor force.

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Drought, insect plagues, late frosts, and floods have taken a heavy toll of food stuffs in North China this year. It is therefore necessary that a very large acreage of winter wheat be planted to afford relief in the shortage that threatens North China this year. Organized efforts should be made to get the flood waters off the land now under water.

In cotton-producing areas affected by drought, prices of cotton must be held down to the level of 8 - 10 pounds of rice for one pound of cotton.

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